Title: Urged the Railway Minister to apppoint to the panel candidates only for the post of Gangmen in the Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railways.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH : Sir, a few days back, the South Eastern Railways conducted an interview for appointment to the post of gangmen. Accordingly, about a thousand candidates were selected and empanelled for appointment to the post of gangmen in the Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railways.

Sir, what happened later on is a matter of great concern. Neglecting this panel, the South Eastern Railways have recruited some candidates for the post of gangmen. It is understood and we are told that this recruitment has been made from Calcutta totally violating the norms and procedure of recruitment. Then, the empanelled candidates started an agitation and staged a demonstration in front of the DRM's Office. But the rail police started lathi charge due to which some were seriously injured and sent to hospital. We have come to know that the Railway Minister has totally violated the norms and procedure of recruitment in the Railways. There was a Selection Committee consisting of Railway officers. But that Selection Committee has been dismantled and the Railway Minister has taken charge of recruiting candidates for various posts in Railways. It is not only that but, neglecting the panel formed, the Railways have already recruited candidates for the post of gangmen violating the norms and procedure for selection. Now, what will be the fate of those candidates who are in the panel after interview and after maintaining the procedure for selection? They are on agitation and starving.

I seek the intervention of the Railway Minister at the Centre and the Prime Minister so that the empanelled candidates can be recruited for the post of gangmen. This is my humble submission to you, Sir.